In the Claims:

Cancel claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 12-19, and 21-25 without estoppel or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof;

Amend claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11 and 20, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A catheter system for ablating biological tissue at a target tissue site, comprising:

an elongated body member having a proximal end and a distal ~~ends~~ portion flexibly attached to the elongated body member, the body member having at least one lumen passing therethrough from near the proximal end at least to a location proximal the flexible attachment of the distal portion;

a handle portion operably attached to the proximal end of the elongated body member;

an ablation device disposed at the distal portion of the body member and including at least one ablation element adapted to emit ablative energy therefrom; and

a pull wire slidably disposed within the at least one lumen and fixedly ~~a means for steering the catheter proximate to the target tissue site, the steering means operably~~ attached to the body member ~~proximal to the ablation device~~ at a first location therealong proximal the flexible distal portion and at a first angular

orientation about ~~and comprising a pull wire slidably attached at a predetermined distance from a distal end of the steering means at a first angular position with respect to~~ the longitudinal axis of the elongated body member, ~~the~~ the pull wire being slidably attached to the elongated body member of a second location therealong that is proximally spaced from the first location and that is oriented at a second different angular orientation about the longitudinal axis for deflecting the distal portion in response to tension on the pull wire to position ~~and fixedly attached at the distal end of the steering means at a second angular position with respect to the longitudinal axis of the elongated body member,~~

~~wherein upon translation of the pull wire, the steering means is deflected and~~ the ablation device ~~is placed~~ proximate and parallel to a surface of the target tissue site for ~~whereby effective~~ effecting tissue ablation ~~can be achieved~~.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The catheter system of claim ~~2 wherein~~ 1 in which the pull wire is fixedly attached to the body member at the first location spaced a ~~point of greatest lateral~~ distance ~~with respect to the distal end of the tubular member whereby the~~ from the second location that provides enhanced mechanical advantage ~~of the system is enhanced~~ for deflecting the distal portion.

4. (Currently Amended) The catheter system of claim 3 wherein the pull wire is fixedly attached to the body member at an angular ~~position~~ orientation of the first location of about 180° with respect to the angular ~~position~~ orientation of the ~~distal end of the tubular member~~ second location.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The catheter system of claim ~~2, wherein a~~ 1 in which a portion of the elongated body member proximal to the distal ~~end of the tubular member~~ portion is resilient ~~whereby~~ to restore the distal portion of the body member ~~returns~~ to a predetermined position ~~when deflectional forces are removed~~ in response to removal of tension on the pull wire.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The catheter system of claim ~~8, wherein the deflectable member means~~ 1 in which the flexible attachment has a cross-sectional geometry adapted to limit deflection to substantially one geometric plane.

10. (Original) The catheter system of claim 9, wherein the cross-sectional geometry is rectangular.

11. (Currently Amended) The catheter system of claim ~~8, wherein the deflectable member means~~ 1 in which the flexible attachment has a circular cross-sectional geometry.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The catheter system of claim ~~19 wherein the steering system is arranged such that~~ 1 in which the pull wire is disposed substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the body member for minimizing ~~during use, whereby~~ abrasive wear ~~is minimized~~.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)